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Important facts about hedgehogs and hibernation.

Hedgehogs usually hibernate between November and mid March. They need to have enough fat reserves to survive hibernation. They will wake up during mild spells to top up their body fat. Making hedgehog homes in the garden, and providing food will help them survive hibernation throughout the winter period and into the early spring.

Look out for hedgehogs out during the day as they will need immediate veterinary treatment, and if left unattended will usually not the survive the day. Autumn juveniles will be trying to gain enough weight to survive hibernation ,but sadly too many succumb to starvation. Please don't leave small hedgehogs if you see them now, as they won't be able to reach the required weight to hibernate. A healthy hedgehog needs to be around 650 gms to survive a healthy hibernation. If in doubt please ring me on **07912 988898** or Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital on **07505 651968**.Out of Hours Emergency Line **07771 457693**

Remember, remember hedgehogs on the 5th of November!

This is a frightening and dangerous time for all wildlife. Not just from the noise of fireworks but from bonfires being lit. A bonfire is a very attractive nesting area for wildlife including our beloved hedgehog. If you are going to have a bonfire, please build it on the day of the bonfire and check through thoroughly before lighting. This will not only save wildlife from burning to death but will also stop the bonfire from getting soaked should it rain the night before!

Hedgehog Fact

There are 17 species of hedgehog in five genera found through parts of Asia Europe and Africa. They are found in New Zealand but they are there by introduction.

Wildlife Friendly Gardening.

There is plenty of wildlife out in your garden at night, even if you're not awake to see it.

There are night time blooming flowers that release their scents after dark, attracting pollinating insects. A couple of favourites are honeysuckle and evening primrose but there are many more!

We have 18 different species of bat living in the UK. Bats are a vital part of our native wildlife, accounting for almost a third of all mammal species in the UK and occupy a wide range of habitats. By attracting night time insects into our garden we will also attract bats. Night time flying insects are an important meal for our native bats as they are purely insectivores. They will come and feast on mosquitoes and other insects that we class as pests, but even pests play their important role in the food chain.Unfortunately artificial lighting can be a problem in our garden for bats. It can prevent them from seeing objects in their path which could lead to them flying into obstacles. We can help them by removing some, if not all of the artificial lighting. In return bats help us by being a natural pest controller, flower pollinator and seed distributor. They are also like the hedgehog an indicator species, which means the presence or absence of bats can indicate how healthy the ecosystem is.

By Liz Dams. Cover photo is Petra, and photo to the left is Little Bear.

NOTICES & LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please send your letters & notices to **bhneditor@yahoo.com** before the deadline of 6pm on the 15th of each month. Thank you!

A poem from a local Swavesey student;

After months of lockdown and being at home,
Some have struggled but some have grown.
Home schooling and not seeing our friends,
We were all hoping for this nightmare to end

The Summer holidays gave us some hope,
Being with friends and family we seemed to cope.
Wearing our masks seemed so strange,
This new way of life with lots of change.

Our children's voices are not always heard,
Frightened and scared, they try to put into words.
They say we can spread this without us knowing
We need to be careful to stop this disease growing.

We have to get used to a new sort of normal,
holding zoom meetings and dressing less formal.
Shopping for neighbours and being more kind,
Hopefully we will all become a better sort of mankind.
- Anonymous

Note from the Editor: A big thank you again for all the additional articles for this month! Especially (again!) to Liz Dams.
If you belong to a local group or have an upcoming event you'd like to publicise please feel free to get in touch - we're still short of the 40 pages we had in February.

Thank you Bar Hill for providing us with many of our members and audiences.

We're still here and will be back in the rehearsal room and on-stage as soon as we are able to do so safely. With heavy hearts the committee recently made the unprecedented decision to cancel our 2021 Pantomime. Sadly, the challenges and the uncertainties are too great at this time to be able to do the show safely. Whilst we love putting on a show, we have decided that is not worth the risk to you; our members and our audiences. However, we are still planning to go ahead with our production of "Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders" which we postponed from this summer to next. We have also have planned a few online activities for our members. Look us up on Facebook (@swaveseyradsoc) or our website (swaveseyradsoc.org.uk) for further updates and keep safe by following the government's COVID guidelines. We will be back soon; stronger than ever but for now we just have to be patient.

Martin Avery,
Swavesey RADSOC

Deadline for next issue is 6pm on the 15th of the month, please send submissions to **bhneditor@yahoo.com** - the earlier the better! (space is allocated on first-come basis!)

Dear Residents,

Due to Covid-19 , Bar Hill Health Walks are not taking place at present. All our walkers will be informed when we feel it is safe to resume group walks.

Many thanks
Josephine Powell
Co ordinator
Bar Hill Health Walks.

Dear Residents,

Can anyone please explain why the Bar Hill and Swavesey junctions are still swathed in cones, so many months after the road was declared open?

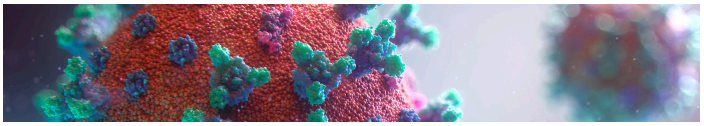
There is very little discernible work going on which would warrant the ongoing lane closures and high numbers of cones which are still in existence

The residents of Bar Hill have probably suffered more than any other village over the last three years and unfortunately there still seems to be no end in sight

Can the Parish Council please establish when our junction will finally be completed and the cones removed?

Several months ago I jokingly said "I bet the cones will still be there at Christmas" I hope that I'm not proved right!

Yours Brian Crowder,
The Fairway



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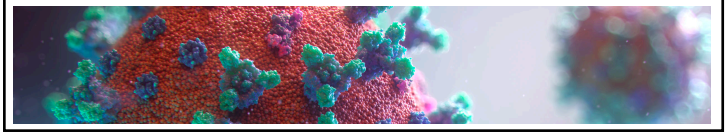

Dear all,

We are sorry we are unable to meet at the moment but we know that due to current restrictions it would not be safe for us to play.

We will update you as soon as possible.

Barbara & Peter
Indoor Bowls Club

Dear all,

We are very sorry but due to the current restrictions we are unable to meet at the moment. We are not sure when we will be starting back again but will keep you informed.

We miss seeing you all, keep safe, best wishes

Barbara, Adela and Ann (8 o'clock Club)

NOTICE: In view of the current pandemic, all events organised by the Huntingdonshire Local Group of the **Wildlife Trust** have been cancelled. We will review the position later in the year with regards to events in 2021.

Hi all,

Due to not being able to social distance, there will be no Halloween display at 12 Apple trees this year, looking forward to seeing you all next year

Stay safe

Gail and Richard

Dear Residents,

Who would be interested in a POETRY reading group? (Your own, other people's, other people's requests).

The provisional idea is to meet online for now and then use the library when that becomes possible. Provisional name: The Pear Tree Group, on the basis of a mis-hearing.

Peter Stockton
Pstockton_1154@yahoo.com

Church News

After seven months of holding services online we have now resumed in-person worship in the church buildings. Since the first easing of lockdown we have faced difficult decisions on opening up again, because while some of the congregation were eager to return to the buildings, many others preferred to continue meeting online in order to minimise their risk of exposure to the virus. Social distancing is still necessary, so to maintain the recommended two metre separation the capacity of the church is reduced to about 30, or slightly more when members of the same household attend and can sit together.

Services during November

We are now holding a combined in-person and online church service every Sunday morning at 10:00 am. All are welcome. Due to the reduced capacity of the building anyone wishing to attend in-person must book a seat by contacting our office manager (see below).

Our online services can be accessed using the following link:
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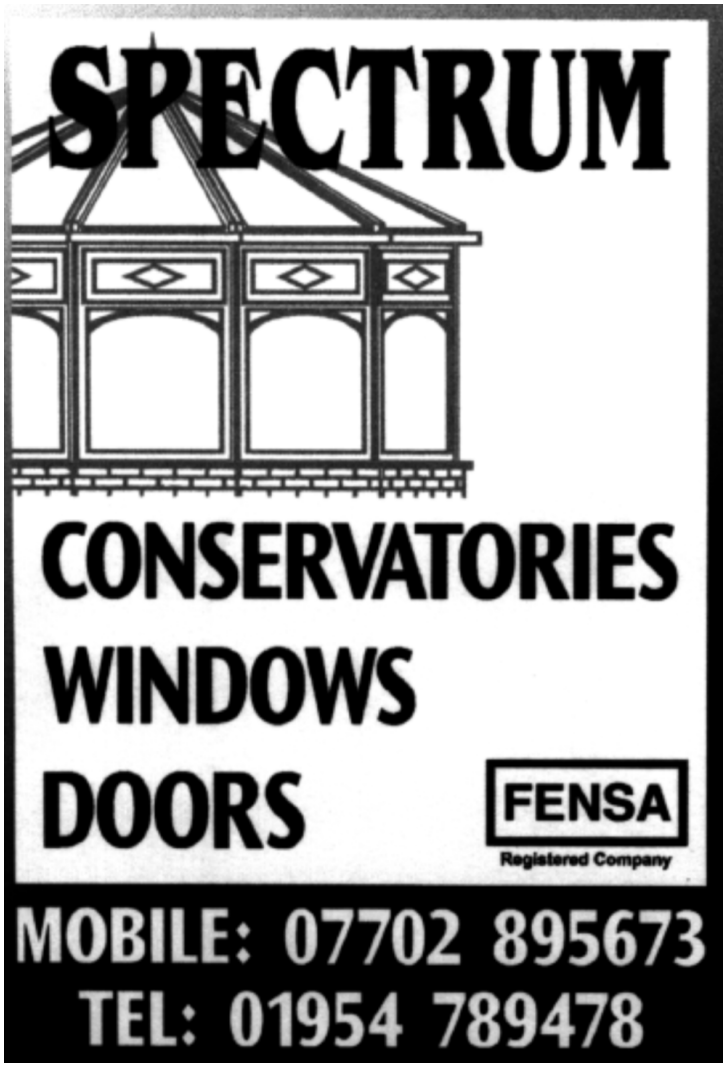

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A man has been fined £240 after his address was found amongst a large fly-tip in the Duxford countryside which was reported via Twitter.

Residents in Duxford used the social networking site to send South Cambridgeshire District Council images of the fly-tip - which included home and garden furniture, plastic boxes, cushions and electrical equipment – during the 31 August Bank Holiday Monday. The fly-tip had attracted multiple reports to the Council due to its size.

Just after 9am the following day, the Council's Enforcement Officer had started an investigation. The fly-tip was also removed as it was on public land.

Amongst the household waste was an address in Cambridge and a Fixed Penalty Notice was issued. The Cambridge resident appealed, but this was rejected as they were unable to account for how the rubbish had their name on it.

Each householder has a legal responsibility to ensure that if they have waste taken away by a contractor, that person has the correct licences to carry waste.

District Council unlawfully withheld Parish Precepts

The South Cambs Administration has confirmed that back in April, when the parish councils were contacted to be told that the district would need to delay some of the payments to the parishes, the District council had no legal powers to delay the payments. Opposition District Councillors were only informed after the notice was sent out. Conservative councillors raised the legality of this but we never felt we had a satisfactory answer. At September's Full Council the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance made a statement which can be viewed on the the councils website.

While I appreciate we are all living through difficult times, if we as non-executive members of the council could see that what was happening was unlawful then there is in my view no reasonable excuse for cabinet members to not have been aware.

Civil Parking Enforcement

South Cambs is one of only 13 authorities in England that does not have Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE). With the level of serious crimes that our police force are dealing with, while they do their best it is understandable why they do not make much of an impact on parking problems. I believe that if the District council was able to enforce parking in the district we would have a real chance of tackling the parking problems we have, and improve the lives of those it impacts. I was really pleased that this had cross party support and I hope together we can really achieve something that reduces the parking misery that many of our residents face. Government is also consulting on extending CPE powers to include parking that obstructs the pavement, a link to respond to the consultation is below.

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/managing-pavement-parking/pavement-parking-options-for-change

Recycling your food waste

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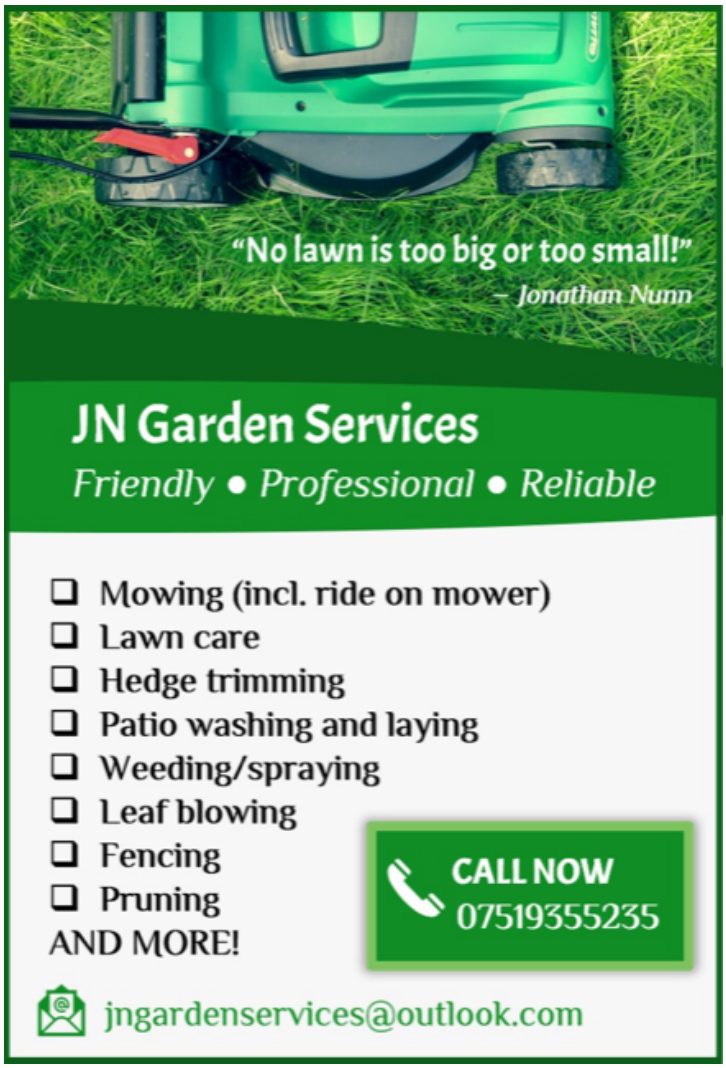

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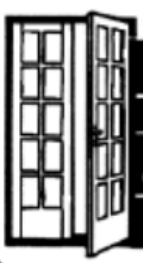

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Please contact the Parish Council on **01954 780456** or email **clerk@barhillpc.org.uk** for information pack. Expression of interest letters setting out your interest, skills and abilities to contribute to the role (approx. 500 words required by **Monday 16 November 2020**

Autumn Tree/Shrub Programme contractors will be working October onwards on trees and hedges in accordance with survey advice, including where possible assisting with resident's concerns: The Brambles, The Spinney, Hillcrest, Chestnut Rise, Hollytrees, Acorn Avenue, Almond Grove, Appletrees, Watermead, Pheasant Rise, Saxon Way, The Drift, horseshoe/ village green,

Stream mowing banks Watermead/ Appletrees/Brookdale underway, Hollytrees area to follow and Council has asked for engagement with County Flood Protection Officer for guidance on further improvements.

Highways England have advised they are proceeding with bid from Parish Legacy Project fund for path at village green linking Village Hall to the school and across to Hanover Close, and we are awaiting meetings.

Cradle swing has finally been replaced at infant play area and seats will replace the hammocks that kept breaking up at The Shelter on Jubilee Park. Users are reminded that they are responsible for wiping down and observing current Covid-19 restriction measures.

The Parish Council office remains closed to the public and meetings will continue on the Zoom conferencing platform due to Covid19 restrictions for the foreseeable future.

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Photos of the setting; the "fire" pit, our new mud kitchen, and our pre-school bus!

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If you have been spending your lockdown tidying, we are still welcoming donations of craft materials.

We need to find alternative storage space for the items we have for sale. If you have a garage or a shed that you are not making full use of would you consider letting it out to our charity?

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**** UPDATED COVID VISITING INFORMATION****

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If you don't fall into any of the above groups and wish to be vaccinated out pharmacy can offer a private vaccination for a small fee please contact pharmacy.

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Stay safe

Laura Byton

Practice Manager

Over Surgery

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NHS
To protect you from coronavirus, your GP practice will try to help you remotely and then see you face-to-face if needed.

Bar Hill Primary School

During lockdown, our children were invited to take part in a photography competition kindly organised by one of our parents, Krisztina of Shooting Star Cambridge.

The competition ran for four weeks, with a different theme each week. We had a super standard of entries in the categories of; nature, people, pets and myself.

The entries were judged by Krisztina along with three other industry professionals who picked a top 5 for each category.We were hoping to showcase all entries in an exhibition at school where the overall winner for each category was to be announced. Sadly, due to the current restrictions we were unable to do this however, the 4 winners were chosen by the judges and, at the time of writing, were about to receive their prizes.

We are delighted to share the winning images with you. Well done to everyone that took part and a massive thank you to Krisztina and her colleagues.

Toby O

Casey

Lana D

Elsie V

Show Respect This Bonfire Night

With many organised events cancelled across the county, emergency services are preparing for a busier night than usual. There is an emerging concern that more people will plan displays and bonfires to celebrate in their own gardens, which could pose significant risk for those who choose to use them.

Head of Community Fire Safety, Group Commander Per Middleton, said: *"Bonfire Night is historically a very popular fixture in the calendar where people come together to enjoy firework displays, however this year is very different. With the COVID-19 pandemic still with us, the organised displays we would usually enjoy cannot take place and we are concerned that some people may look to hold their own displays.*

"While most people enjoy fireworks responsibly, they can quickly become a disaster and, in the wrong hands, they can cause injury and damage to property. Fireworks are explosives and should be treated with respect. Only use fireworks in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the firework safety code, ensuring all necessary safety precautions are taken.

"We would strongly discourage people from lighting bonfires in back gardens as they present significant risks to residents if they get out of hand. Not only this, but the smoke can also aggravate coronavirus symptoms for those that might be shielding or isolating."

"We would encourage residents across the county to think twice before having their own displays and lighting bonfires in their gardens this year. Not only do these present risks for residents and our crews, but with the pandemic still with us we all have a responsibility to ensure we don't put unnecessary strain on emergency services. Please show respect this Bonfire Night and think twice about having your own display."

Group Commander Middleton added: "Although bonfire night might look a little different this year, there are still ways families can enjoy it safely. There are lots of family friendly activities people can do at home, such as watching a virtual display, or doing some crafts together to mark the occasion, without putting their loved ones at risk.

"It's also really important that residents remember the government's rule of six to help control the spread of COVID-19."

If you intend on buying fireworks for a home display, please follow the firework safety code:

- Only buy fireworks marked with a CE mark
- Don't drink alcohol if you're setting off fireworks
- Keep fireworks in a closed box and always follow the instructions carefully when using them
- Light them at arms length using a taper and stand well back
- Never go back to them once they are lit. Even if a firework hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Never throw fireworks, and never put them in your pocket
- Respect your neighbours – don't let off fireworks late at night and remember there are laws in place you must follow
- Take care with sparklers – never give them to children under five. Even when they've gone out they're still hot, so put sparklers in a bucket of water after use
- Keep your pets indoors throughout the evening.

Fireworks can also cause a great deal of distress to animals. In a recent survey, 62 per cent of dog owners reported their pets showing signs of distress during fireworks season, with 54 per cent of cat owners experiencing the same. Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service and the National Fire Chiefs Council are supporting the RSPCA's Bang Out Of Order campaign, encouraging the responsible use of fireworks and the adoption of tighter regulations concerning their use.

Visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk/oncall for more information.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Health

As the days shorten and the weather is increasingly less supportive of outside activities, as we all recognise that Covid-19 is still among us with restrictions on our social lives having to continue, I'd like to thank those who are continuing to work on sometimes quite simple ideas to prevent people feeling lonely or to support mental health and wellbeing. We are all aware that nationally numbers of Covid-19 cases are rising and hospital admissions are also increasing. The figures for South Cambridgeshire are also rising but remain lower than the national average and certainly much lower than in some of the areas of the country which are as a consequence, now experiencing much greater restrictions. Now more than ever we need to remember the basics instilled into us from the start, neatly summarised by the government as "Hands - Face - Space".

Flu Vaccination

Please can I urge everyone who is eligible, to have a flu jab this year and to encourage others to do so. A lot more people are eligible this year but we have been advised that there is no shortage of vaccine. I have also been made aware that some parents are concerned that if their child develops a high temperature after having the vaccine, they won't know whether or not to isolate and book a test for Covid-19. The nasal spray flu vaccine can cause a mild fever which should respond to paracetamol. This symptom does though make it difficult to distinguish from Covid. The important thing is the timing. If it occurs soon after the vaccination, it is more likely to be due to the vaccine. Giving a child the flu vaccine can mean that the family is less likely to get flu so less likely to need testing/self-isolation. There is a lot of helpful information at: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/

Greater Cambridge Partnership [GCP]/Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority

The GCP board met on 01 October for what has been described as a "milestone" meeting with the mayor having been invited to attend and participate. The meeting went well with the mayor stating that a possible alternative Cambourne to Cambridge route would be announced at the next Combined Authority Transport committee meeting at the beginning of November, and that joint officer working between the two organisations would be ongoing.

Household Recycling Centres

A reminder that opening times from October to March are: Monday to Sunday 9am - 4pm [or dusk if earlier] and you still need to book an appointment to visit the recycling centres. Bookings can be made on line at: https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/booking-system-for-household-recycling-centres

Thank you to everyone who has been in touch with me recently. Please do continue to contact me with your comments and questions.

Take care. Stay safe.

Keep caring for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough
Caring is being responsible
Isolate if you've got symptoms, or been close to someone who has
Coronavirus hasn't gone away

Please do continue to contact me about the things that matter to you.
lyndaharford@icloud.com, **01954 251775/ 07889 131022**; Twitter: **@2whit2whoo**

Olive Tree Bereavement Group

We do apologise for the fact that we have been unable to meet due to the Covid - 19 Virus.

Should you require help during this time please do not hesitate to contact me as follows:-

Chris Stannard **01954 781978** or **07711 623425**.

SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

You can find us on the top floor of the Village Hall. While respecting social distancing, you can watch live sports, play pool, darts, skittles, cribbage, or enjoy a drink in our quiet lounge bar.

Food is available Wednesday 6-9pm, Friday & Saturday 5-9pm; Sunday 2-7pm. Due to government regulations it's necessary for people to leave the building by 9:55pm.

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Car Key Burglary Warning

Please be alert to suspicious activity at homes or addresses with high powered vehicles such as BMW's, Audi's, and Mercedes. Burglaries are being committed to obtain vehicle keys.

We are encouraging residents to remain vigilant during the day, lookout for any unusual people or vehicles paying attention to the driveway of a house where a desirable car is parked, even if it is not there at the time, similarly late at night, if you are coming or going be on the lookout for unusual activity.

Owners of high value, desirable cars are advised to take extra precautions:-

- Never leave vehicle or other keys in open view of your letterbox or ground floor window where a potential offender could easily access them by fishing them out with a device, consider installing a cage or security device to keep the letterbox secure.
- Always lock windows and doors.
- Fit a steering wheel lock / or after market security device
- Aggravated burglary is rare in Cambridgeshire, but if the thief is persistent enough to break in, it's best they take the keys and leave. The safety and protection of people should always come first.
- If you have a secure garage you can park your car in overnight, do use it.
- Set burglar alarms and any other security devices you have installed, consider a driveway alarm to give you early warning of someone approaching on your drive.
- Consider fitting a tracking device, if your car is stolen there is a greater chance of it being traced.
- Be alert to who is around and where your keys are.

Report suspicious activity or interest in these types of vehicles to police on 101, or 999 in an emergency. Without putting yourself at risk, try to obtain a description of anyone you saw, and registration numbers of vehicles this can be passed on to police to aid investigation.

Bar Hill News - Can You Help?!

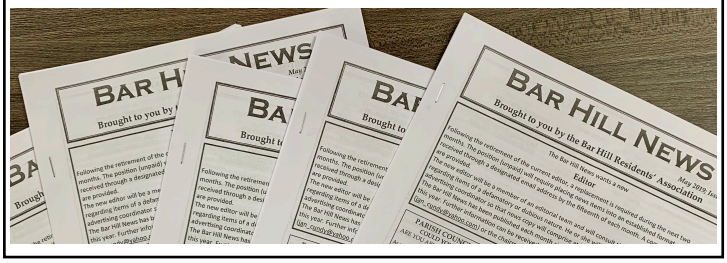
We have recently been in touch with Cambridgeshire Archives in regard to keeping a record of old issues of the Bar Hill News.

The archive have identified a significant gap in that the first issue they have is Issue 76 (from December 1998).

They are also missing numbers 351 (Feb 1999), 370 (Nov 2000), 373 (Feb 2001), 386 (Apr 2002), 427 (Dec 2005), 459 (Dec 2008), 476 (Jul 2010) to the end of 2010.

We have a number of old issues in the Parish Council Offices and are working through them at the moment (hopefully we will be able to fill in some of the gaps).

Do you have a missing issue we could either have or borrow to make a copy?



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or pop into the Pharmacy on Tues, Thurs or Fri

Anthony Browne MP

Keeping in touch with South Cambridgeshire

News and Updates from our Local South Cambridgeshire MP can be either found on his website;

https://www.anthonybrowne.org

You can also sign up to an email newsletter which ensures that News and Updates are delivered straight to your inbox.

Alternatively you can follow Anthony on Facebook; **https://www.facebook.com/anthonybrowneMP/**, or. Via Twitter; **https://twitter.com/ab4scambs**

You can write to Anthony at his constituency office; Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Road, Hardwick CB23 7QJ. Or call to discuss anything **01223 603677**

VACANCY - Bar Hill Parish Clerk

FULL TIME ROLE (approx 37 hours/week)

Ideally CILCA qualified Parish Clerk or willing to work towards this qualification.

Knowledge of local government procedures.

An excellent communicator with high level IT skills.

Flexibility to the needs of the position.

Role includes:

- Attendance of 2 x Parish monthly evening meetings
- Documentation and circulating of minutes of meetings providing comprehensive administration support

The role is supported by an RFO and office assistant.

Starting salary £25,481 (SCP 19)

We welcome applications, please send your CV and covering letter by email to **clerk@barhillpc.org.uk**

A full job description is available on request.

Closing date for applications Monday 16th November

SMUDGEY IS STILL MISSING!!

£500 REWARD FOR SAFE RETURN

SMUDGEY HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE 01.09.20 FROM HILLCREST.

SHE IS A GREY AND BLACK TABBY WITH LOTS OF STRIPES.

IF YOU SEE HER, PLEASE SEND A PHOTO/VIDEO OR CALL ME. SHE MAY RUN IF APPROACHED.

PLEASE CHECK SHEDS/GARAGES/UNDER DECKING/GARDENS I MISS HER SO MUCH AND NEED HER BACK HOME.

SHE IS MICROCHIPPED AND NEUTERED. SHE DOES NOT HAVE A COLLAR.

PLEASE SEND PHOTOS/ VIDEOS TO 07585 332212 (LUCY).

THANK YOU

BAR HILL TESCO COMMUNITY UPDATE

Community Facilities In Store

Community Space

Is a large room in Tesco which has a small kitchen facility to make tea, coffee and refreshments. The room can hold 15-20 people and can be booked free of charge. This facility is to be used for community events or gatherings of a professional nature. Due to COVID we have been unable to take booking for the use of the room, but we have been able to transform the community space in to a book swap shop.

Food Bank

A food bank donation point is available in store and is located behind the checkouts.

Wood Green Donation Point

The donation point for Wood Green animal shelter is located at the front of the store.

Charity Partnerships

Our charity partnership is made up of Cancer Research, British Heart Foundation and Diabetes uk. We regularly host events to raise money for our partnerships

Latest News

- We have donated 4 large bags of white decorative stones to Bar Hill Primary School to help the staff build a sensory garden to support the kids health and well-being
- We held a food bank collection for the Trussell trust food bank, we collected enough for approximately 1000 meals!
- The store donated 6 prizes to a local resident along with 100 cakes to make her McMillan coffee morning really special. She raised over £400. =
- Our team advertising helped John (our local postman) and his daughter Vicky to raise over £4000 for their event
- Our colleagues Nick, Scott and Jordan raised £695 for Macmillan by playing 4 rounds of golf walking over 2o miles in just one day
- Our colleague James raised over £70 for our national charity partnership by dressing up in pink for the day.
- Our yearly total so far for our national charity partnership is £878.66 (not including donations to third party events)
- Following the announcement of mandatory face coverings we donated material to a seamstress in the village who will use it to make face masks - all profits will go to the East Anglian Air Ambulance
- We have supported a local resident Cheryl Gresswell to raise money for various charity's

What's Coming Up.

We will be donating Halloween themed prizes to various schools so that the kids can still enjoy this occasion.

We will be holding a bonfire night themed colouring competition with a chance to win a prize.

We will also be decorating our planters in the village to bring a festive spirit.

We will continue our Book Swap Shop in our community room which has been very successful.

We will be answering lots of requests for Christmas donations like raffle prizes.

All upcoming events will be advertised in the store, please keep your eyes peeled and take the time to read our community notice board located behind the checkouts next to the community space where we will be updating it frequently.

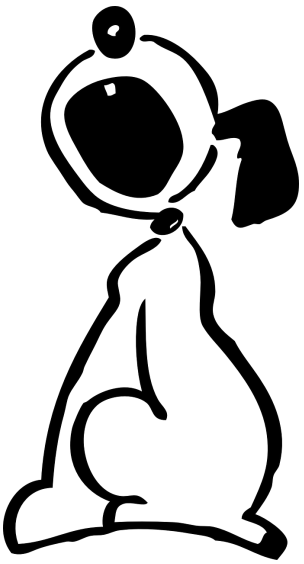
Getting Involved

Calling all customers and members of the community! We are currently working to raise our community profile here in Bar Hill. We are striving to support the local community, and we want you to know we are here to help.

If you would like to share any ideas or some feedback please do not hesitate to pop to the customer service desk on your next visit for a friendly chat, our team will be happy to talk to you.

See you next month!

Dog Barking Too Much?



All dogs bark sometimes, it's perfectly natural. But when they bark a lot over a long period of time they can become a noisy nuisance to neighbours.

If the problem has gone on for too long and has caused a lot of upset, your local authority's environmental health department can formally ask you to stop your dog from continuing the behaviour, and if you don't, they can take your dog away from you.

Usually, when dogs bark persistently over a long period of time, it is because they are distressed. Common reasons include being left home alone for too long, because they want attention, or because they are worried by something.

Blue Cross recommend contacting a qualified behaviourist to help you resolve the underlying issue.

Reporting Barking Dogs

If you have a problem with a barking dog in your area, call **03450 450 063** for the Environmental Health section.

When you do contact them it would be helpful if you provide your name and contact details so you can be kept fully informed and up to date with your enquiry.

Alternatively you can email them on env.health@scambs.gov.uk.

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Crafts Shed

We are now working three mornings a week in the Scout Hut on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 12.30

The aim of the Shed is to help those who may feel isolated, unemployed, those who may be feeling depressed. Membership is £15.00p per year, renewable in January, plus UK Mens Shed Association ask for a donation of £1.00p per session that you attend.

At present we are making animal type enclosures e.g. bird boxes, hedgehog homes, bug houses. These are for sale as follows:-

Hedgehog Houses £20.00p ono

Bird Nesting Boxes £7.50p ono

Bug Houses between £5.00p to £15.00p depending on size ono

If there are other items you would like made just ask.

We are also looking for wood. Should you have offcuts and be willing to donate them please let us know.

Memorial Garden Project

Many people enjoy a period of quiet and peace in the Memorial Garden. I am extremely grateful for those who help maintain the garden especially Jean, and Helen, without their help the garden would not be as lovely as it is.

During Covid-19 we have been more limited in what we can do. However, should you wish to have a Memorial Plaque placed in the garden then contact Chris Stannard 01954 781978. The cost of a plaque is £100.00p You may have 100 characters over four lines. For more characters the cost increases.

Willingham & Longstanton Surgeries

Reception Tel: Willingham 01954 260230
Longstanton 207600 Dispensary 207602
District Nurse Team: 01223 726469 Option 2
Health Visitors: 0300 029 50 50
Out of hours cover: Ring 111 Website: www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Staffing at the Surgery

You may come across many new faces and voices at the surgery as we welcome new members of reception staff into our team. We said a fond farewell to our Office Manager, Sarah Thompson, after 33 years at Willingham Medical Practice. Sarah has retired to spend time with her family, and we would like to publicly thank her for all the hard work and dedication she has put into the practice over her long career. She has seen many new faces come and go, having started her career with the surgery back at the bungalow in Schole Road all those years ago, when everything was written on paper! I'm sure our patients will miss her greatly as she has been a regular front figure at the surgery for such a long time, and will be greatly missed.

Surgery update

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, how you contact us will be different at the moment. This is to limit face-to-face contact whenever possible and help stop the spread of coronavirus.

Your GP practice is open and if you need to see your GP, please ring us on 01954 260230 or visit our website for details. You can also call NHS 111. Please do not come to the surgery unless you have an appointment.

A clinician will speak with you over the phone before booking your face to face appointment. Appointments are also being delivered online and over the telephone. If you are asked to come into the surgery for a face-to-face appointment, please remember to wear a face covering. Measures are in place to keep you safe from infection during your visit to the surgery.

If your query is in relation to COVID-19 please visit NHS 111 online in the first instance. https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

Please be aware the GP will only try to call you once, and should you miss the call you will need to reschedule your appointment for a later date. Updates regarding your appointment will be sent via SMS message or you will be contacted by a member of our reception team. Please ensure we have your up to date contact details.

Facebook Page

Willingham Medical Practice is now on Facebook. Please feel free to like and follow our page for important health updates as we move through the winter and deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. We ask that any feedback or concerns are emailed to wilinghammedicalpractice@nhs.net as we are unable to respond directly to all comments on our facebook page and there is not the facility to message us using social media for your security, safety and confidentiality.

Flu programme

If you're age 50-64 and don't normally get a flu vaccine, you will be offered one if there is enough Vaccine AFTER vaccination of higher risk groups. You may not be contacted until December. Please do not contact the practice now, we will contact you when the vaccines are available on the NHS. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation

Thank you from Dr Suter

Dr Suter would like to thank her patients for all the gifts and cards she received for her retirement. She was quite overwhelmed by all the appreciation and kindness, and is now enjoying the extra time she has with her family.

Carers Meeting

Due to the pandemic, the carer's meetings are still currently postponed until further notice. They will be reinstated as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we would like to continue to support carers in our local community in any way possible. If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please contact Sue Lawson at susan.lawson7@nhs.net or 01954 260230.

Bar Hill Village Hall

The village hall is located just off The Spinney and offers the following;

- Conference Facilities;
- Seminars;
- Committee/Meeting Rooms;
- Training Days;
- Exam Sessions;
- Wedding Receptions;
- Birthday Celebrations;
- Charity Events;
- Children's Parties;
- Jumble Sales;
- Kitchen Facilities;
- Excellent Parking as well as catering Facilities

If you wish to book any of these facilities, or to get more information, please call 01954 782414 and leave a message. We'll call back within 24 hours (Monday to Friday). Alternatively you can email us at; barhill.villagehall@btconnect.com or visit www.barhillvillagehall.com

Bar Hill News Archive

This is available online via the Internet Archive - http://bit.ly/BarHillRA - more issues added all the time!

Vintage Crossword (April 2010)

Across: 1. Unwavering, 6. No rise, 7. winterwear, and 10. Outpourings

Down: 1 assume, 2. A small city, 3. Controls, 4. Mature, 5. Rapunzel's assets, 8. Small supper-natural humanoid, and 9.fuss.

FOR SALE: Garden table, glass top & folding chairs, metal paint & bit rusty otherwise fine - Assorted garden flower pots, some ceramic - Old dark wood drop-leaf bureau with 2 drawers - Black swivel office chair - Under the worktop electric oven, little used - One interior door with handles.

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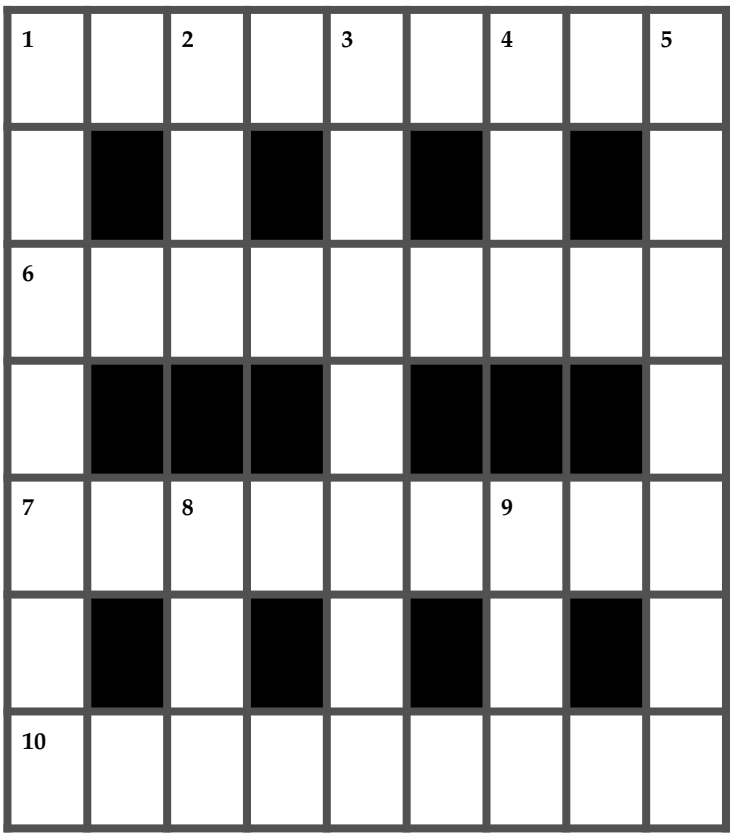

VILLAGE EVENT CALENDAR WILL RETURN SOON ...